

5 per cent margin of error. Or any error at all. If there are errors, I shall be most happy to have them corrected.

IX—*The Gatineau Park situation.*

We hope we have answered the request for information, but as the voluntary secretary of the Metropolitan Council of Western Quebec, I must confess, and I apologize for it, that I am not able to furnish figures for all of the Gatineau Park; I have neither the time nor the means to do so. However, I have requested them by registered letter, from the municipalities concerned and as soon as I have the answer from the secretaries who are willing to answer, I shall be glad to send them to the Committee, if it is not too late. I am afraid that several municipalities have not compiled figures on the work done by the F.D.C. within their boundaries as I did after the municipal assessment in 1953 when this whole problem and these facts came as a revelation to me.

X—*Answer with regard to taxes on properties rented by the F.D.C.: No municipal by-law imposing a tax on tenants.*

I forgot to point out that the municipality of Ste. Cecile de Masham has never had any municipal by-law, to my knowledge, authorizing its secretary to collect taxes from tenants and based on the assessment of buildings or summer properties they occupied as tenants, such assessment to be that of the property itself. On the other hand, although several tenants paid the corresponding amount in taxes that they would have paid if they had remained owners, it seems that it was by virtue of certain agreements made with the F.D.C. and not with the municipality; but the municipality sent bills and collected them when the tenants paid them. However, those agreements, from what I have been told, were for a definite period of time—either one, two or three years, as the case may be. The municipality has not forced any former owner to pay on the assessment of the property which they occupied as tenants; only the F.D.C. could have done that under agreements which had made or could have made with its tenants. Nowhere in our files have we found the amounts of taxes paid by the F.D.C. itself before it paid grants for loss of taxes in 1951. We would be happy if the Commission could furnish some clarification regarding this in case the money might have gone astray.

XI—*Limited information regarding acquisitions in the 1955-1956 in Masham Situation.*

Our latest information on properties sold in 1955, and in 1956 if any, is very limited because, despite the fact that many former owners have been paid, most of the contracts of sale have not been registered at the Gatineau County Registry Office. That is what we learn from correspondence exchanged recently to that effect with the said office.

We have the names of the former owners on our books. They assert that their properties belong to the F.D.C. and that they do not have to pay the 1956 taxes on the said properties, which is unfair if they are not owners. But we have not the proof of the Registry Office that those properties have been transferred to the F.D.C. That is another fact which is causing us some trouble and which is a source of errors in our books.

XII—*Questions concerning certain situations that have not been cleared up.*

A host of special situations seems to have arisen in the various relations between the F.D.C. or its representatives and the various local bodies, municipal or otherwise.

One particular subject that we would like to have cleared up by statistics vouched for by the F.D.C. is the rumor which a great many people affirm positively, namely: whether the wage scale is uniform for all employees hired